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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY TO KICK-OFF "PASS THE KEYS (PASA LAS LLAVES)" DUI CAMPAIGN TO REDUCE IMPAIRED DRIVING IN TUCSON & SOUTH TUCSON

Wednesday, June 28, at 9:30 a.m. at El Presidio Park

Tucson– In Arizona in 2004, 38% of all traffic deaths were alcohol related. In 2003, 3,167 persons of Hispanic origin were fatally injured in traffic crashes in the U.S. and 48 percent of those fatalities were alcohol-related (compared with 40 percent of the general population).

The Governor's Highway Safety Program will hold a Kick-off Press Conference to announce a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) funded project entitled, "Demonstration and Evaluation of Strategies to Reduce Impaired Driving Fatalities and Injuries within the Hispanic Population." The slogan of the thirty-month campaign is, *Pass The Keys/Pasa Las Llaves*. The program seeks to demonstrate effective strategies, including high visibility enforcement, education and communication, in order to reduce alcohol-related motor vehicle death and injury in Hispanic communities. The program also will collect data from Hispanics on their knowledge and perceptions of DUI issues.

WHAT: Press Conference for "Pass The Keys/Pasa Las Llaves" campaign to reduce

Impaired Driving in Tucson and South Tucson.

WHEN: Wednesday, June 28, at 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: El Presidio Park, between the old County Court House and City Hall.

WHO: GOHS Director Richard Fimbres;

Bishop Gerald Kicanas; Father Raul Trevizo Vicar for Hispanic Affairs, St.

John the Evangelist Parish;

Representative of Tucson Police; Representative of South Tucson Police;

Ruben Perez, Mothers Against Drunk Driving Carlos Flores Vizcarra of the Mexican Consulate;

Representatives from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Tucson City Court; Pima Prevention Partnership –Project Evaluators

NOTE: Spanish-speaking officials and partners in the program will be available to

discuss this project in Spanish.

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